

DEAN OF THEM ALL

the dean of news photographers is James Ricalton. He has been everywhere and seen every thing and his autobiography reads like fiction. He has just received a medal and war diploma from the Mikado of Japan.

Wonderful Nerve and Daring of News Photographers Who Risk Everything That Reading Public May See as Well as Read the Big Events of the Day.

(Copyright, 1997, by A. E. Ullman.) PIERPONT MORGAN whirled around in the desk chair in the private breath. office of the greatest banking house in America and confronted an embarrassed young

man, bravely clutching a camera. "Well sir; what do you want?" he demanded gruffly.

on Mr. Morgan's countenance.

on the photographer's part.

me Mr. Morgan, and I would like my office; it will be the last."

HE camera was quickly set up,

although the operator was grow-

ing more nervous with each

glance at the gathering gloom

Rapidly, one after another, he made

before him. He was not sure but there

was a smile behind the mask. Only

one thing could possibly make the money king smile under the circum-

stances-some mistake or oversight

He could not get to a dark room

quick enough after leaving the bank-

ing institution. His mind was a mass

conflicting doubts--he could

figure out the Morgan smile. Once de-

confirmed, for one after one they came

which showed the faint outlines of the Morgan head and the Morgan collar

The photographer was not dismayed. however, and a few days later he invaded Mr. Morgan's office and insix plates. As he snapped the last formed him that the photographs were one in place he became aware of a not good enough to submit. change in the features of the man

chair, but now he was smiling broadly. 'Never again," he said wit's a "I do not understand l'or a come to do such a thing as I never make a good picture. If you have not photograph, you will never

佐 姓 Daring Photographer.

The young man who encountered this Ashton, one of the most daring of the younger photographers, who has suc-

to take a photograph of you, at your desk," the young photographer managed to gasp out in one

"You would?" said the great financier, the faintest trace of a smile crossing his face. Then noticing the dejection of the man with the camera he pulled out his watch. "I will give you three minutes," he said. "This is the first "You were kind enough to see time a photographer ever invaded

> and cuffs. Even the camera had been overcome by the magnate. ENIGHT OF CAMERA ASCENDING ALPINE MOUNTAINS.

Broadway and getting our greatest financiers to face his lens in their Again the big man wairled in his private offices, while guarded by armies of confidential employes. In the same manner he has successfully photographed almost every man prom-

> This youth—he is slightly past his majority now—is following a President to the Panama canal one week, and a few weeks later snapple the delegates to a peace congress; one day he is taking pictures of life in the slums, next photographing a fashionable wedding; in the morning in may be making flashlights in a tungel under a

inent in the public affairs of this coun-

ceeded in breaking the barriers of 26 river, and after lunch, hanging from the flag pole of a sky-scraper, making birds-eye views of the teeming life of the city hundreds of feet below.

The newspaper readers may not appreciate the daring and devotion of these soldiers of the camera, who events before them as they sit coinortably at home. The man who does this work is not an ordinary one. There is no section he will not enter, from Sahara to the Polar Circle, from Patagonia to Tibet. He is in adventurer in the best sense of the word. He may ne stoned by Chinese "boxers," threatened with torture in the canic Explosion in Japan.

were kept in the rear, he was in advance with the army on the firing line. war that he received the medal.

Photographer Recording Terrific Vol-

斑 流 Braves Any Danger.

Thus Ricalton is one who gets the real thing. He is sixty years of age, yet he tramps ten and twenty miles a day with a thirty-pound camera. In time of war he is everywhere-into captured forts while the corpses are still about, through the most dangerous artillery positions, among reserves waiting for battle, into the actual fighting if they would let him, and to day we find this old man away over in New Zealand making pictures of geysers and other wonders of nature in Australasia.

Another American to receive a medal for work with the camera is E. R. whose Vatican photographs were such an intimate revelation of the Papal life as to cause world-wide omment. Mr. Ross spent a whole fortnight with the sacred precincts arranging for and taking the views. Pope Plus X was so pleased with the otographic record of "a tour through the Vatican" that he presented the photographer with a silver medal, similar to that which he sent to the Prince of Wales. The message reads: "To Mr. E. R. Ross as a token of

American Artist, in Costume, Following

Route of Christ in Palestine.

in savage lands, arrested as a spy in

times of war-it is all a part of the day's work. He will sleep on the

ground for weeks at a time, live on

little or no food and lead what would

seem to us a life of incredible hard-

ship and privation. That is part of

Mikado Honors American.

Japan sent a medal and a war diploma

to an American photographer, Prof. James Ricalton. Of all photographers

Ricalton is the dean, and his adven-

ture-filled life would read like the tale

No one looking at the slender, wiry

little New Jerseyman, of modes; mien

and shrewd and kindly eyes behind

gold-rimmed spectacles, would take him for the of the most daring ex-

plorers that ever lived. He is the

greatest of all recording photogra-

phers-a man who has been every

speaks, as he says quietly, "No lan-guage but English, and very little of

It is well known that it was Rical-

ton who found the right vegetable

fiber to serve as a filament in the per-

fected incandescent light. Thomas

Edison sent him around the world in

this quest. He was the first foreigner

to walk through northern Russia, but

many stories have been written of this famous trip, 1,500 miles from

Archangel to St. Petersburg. It was

this little man who made a new place

for the recording photographer in time

of war, and caused the abolishment of

demonstrated to the Japanese that the

former methods of treatment.

and seen everything,

He is a man of deeds, not

of a Engene Sue or Jules Verne.

Only a few weeks ago the Mikado of

his way.

true gratitude and with the hope of that universal peace in Jesus Christ, by the observance of His divine law, which alone can bring the happiness desired by all."

Henry A. Strohmeyer is another of America's well-known photographers He made more than 1,000 photographs of the late President McKinley and has traversed every State in the Union in making more than 2,500 photographs of President Roosevelt. His work is not always peaceful and free from Canger, however. Take, for instance, the view of Glacier Point in the Yosemite valley, which is shown in the illustrations with Mr. Strohmeyer sighting his camera. He is standing on what is known as the Rocking Stone and the Drop of Despair" and a slight misstep or an attempt to recover his camera should it fall would mean a terrible, shuddering fall of more than a mile into the valley below.

Marir to His Art.

Another man who made a record as a news photographer was H. F. Mackern, who died some time ago of jungle fever in the interior of Mexico, where he was makin,; an astonishing series photograpus. Mackern distinguished himself during the Boer War by his wonderful views of armed con-flict. He "traked" over thousands of miles of territory with a wagon and

which cost him \$10,000, and has the most complete and compact photographic outfit of any man in the world. He has made photographic Italy, and has invaded the Polar re-

The Newspaper Photographer.

And when writing of these explorerphotographers we must not overlook the newspaper photographer stays at home. He is a hero of hard work and persistency; he knows no rest, no time of the clock, no holidays, when he answers the call of duty. is his task to rush to a scene of action, make his picture and get it in the office in time for publication. Is there a great fire, on a cold winter night, he is called from his warm bed and hustled to the spot; is there a train wreck, he is on the scene as quickly as medern means can take him; is there a great parade or military review, he must be on hand and fight against the photographers of other newspapers for the best chance and best photographs; is there a new murder mystery, he must invade den and morgue and make his records; is there great financier or royal personage in the public eye, he must track his man as the hunter tracks his game and make a snapshot of the great one whether the latter wills it or not. Such is his duty.

Well may these men be called soldiers of the camera, for it is theirs to do and to dare. is called from his warm bed and hus-

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The diamond is a magnificent stone.

about her precious jewel.

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camera, handled properly, made faith-Congo, imprisoned in Siberia, captured THE WASHINGTON TIMES MAGAZINE

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